

PREPARING STRIKE BALLOTS FOR 409,000 RAILROAD MEN

Members of the "Big Four" Brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union of North America—Conference of Executive Committees, Chief Executives and Assistant General Officers of the Five Organizations is Being Held in Cleveland—Ballots Will Be Sent to 150,000 Firemen, 80,000 Engineers, 50,000 Conductors, 14,000 Switchmen and 150,000 Other Trainmen.

Cleveland, August 28—Strike ballots for submission to 99,900 members of the 'Big Four' railroad brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union of North America were today being prepared at a conference here today of members of the organizations, chief executives and assistant grand officers of the five organizations.

When the conference adjourned late today, the members of the railroad brotherhoods definitely declared that the conference will be resumed tomorrow morning.

In its present shape the ballot lists the names of the members of the unsatisfactory negotiations being held the past few months between brotherhood chiefs and railroad managers at conferences held in the west, southeast and east to settle the dispute. The ballot is to ask for further decreased wages, fol-

lowing the 12 1-2 per cent reduction handed down by the railroad board at Chicago, June 1 and now in effect, whether the roads would seek the elimination of time and one half overtime and asks if the members will continue work under these conditions.

Executives of the southwestern road did not meet with the chiefs. Chief executives of the five organizations have been in conference for several days on the situation. Today were joined by three members of the executive board of each of the organizations, and also several assistant grand officers, about 25 men all.

Ballots will be sent to 150,000 active member of the trainmen organization, 125,000 of the conductors, 100,000 conductors, and 14,000 switch-

PROTEST TRIP TO MEXICO OF AMERICAN OIL MAN	STILLMAN PROPERTY AT BROWNSVILLE CLOSED O
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New York August 23—The prospective trip to Mexico of a committee composed of five presidents of the largest American oil companies to confer with President Oregon is not looked upon with favor by the American Association of Mexico, an organization

formed to represent the interest of land owners and many other Americans who formerly resided in Mexico in connection with minor interests.

Through the provisional executive committee, consisting of W. F. Buckley, Paul Hudson and Sidney Smith, the

American Association has protested to Secretary of State Hughes and Secretary of Interior upon which it is expected to settle a part of the questions between the United States and Mexico at a time when negotiations are under way, looking to a settlement of all of

The protest recites that while the American Association of Mexico "is equally convinced that the new oil taxes are outrageous and confiscatory."

the sending of such a powerful committee to Mexico at this time to adjust one detail of the difference between the two countries will give undue importance to this phase of the international question.

DEADLOCK ON EXPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Washington, August 23—Negotiations between the house and senate in an effort to reach an agreement on

He admitted that while he had hated jobs in the department of manufacturing, he had since been created new positions had since been created a cost of \$70,000 a year. The would he believed more money should be spent in public markets "to fight

Senate managers were reported to have insisted on the retention in the bill of a section, eliminated by the house, authorizing the war finance corporation to purchase \$200,000,000 worth of farm loan bonds. House conferees

It was said refused to recommend such action.

**SHIPMENTS OF WHISKEY
THROUGH THE U. S. LEGAL**

Detroit, Aug. 12.—United States District Judge Tuttle here today made permanent a temporary injunction granted two weeks ago, restraining United States customs and internal revenue officials from interfering with shipments of whiskey from Canada, through the United States, to the United Kingdom, for the purpose of defrauding of banks through the sale of worthless checks.

Capron was with the Pittsburgh Pirates part of 1912 and 1913 seasons, later played with St. Paul American association team.

Suit was brought by Hiram Walker and Sons, Limited, a Walkerville distillery firm, after customs officials in Detroit had seized a shipment of liquor aboard the craft.

**DISCHARGED EMPLOYEE SUES
MOORE DROP FORGING CO.**
Springfield, Mass., Aug. 22.—Suit

against the Moor Drop Forging Company of this city was brought by Irving J. Richards for \$5,000 damages. Richards alleging that he was discharged because he joined a labor union. He alleges that he had signed a contract with the company for a number of years.

beginning as an apprentice, but that the company broke it when he joined a union. The Moore Company has been a center of a long controversy with labor unions because of the so-called individual contract.

FAMOUS FOOTBALL PLAYER
ON N. J. PROHIBITION STAFF

Newark, N. J., Aug. 22.—Robert C. Polweh, Jr., famous University of Pennsylvania football player, now coach of

the United States Naval Academy eleven, today was appointed special investigator on the New Jersey prohibition staff by Charles Brown, state prohibition director. He will serve without pay and retain his coaching connections.

**THE DAIL EIREANN HAS
ADJOURNED UNTIL THURSDAY**

Dublin, Aug. 22.—(By The A. P.)—The Dail Eireann today considered the proposed reply of its president and ministry to the last letter of "Desmond" an "Irish Republican" to the British cabinet. The debate on the subject of the annual year ended June 30 and during preceding 12 months, according to testimony of John D. Harris, chief of the department of justice's division accounts before the house appropriation committee. The statement

Lloyd George on the question of an Irish peace settlement, it was announced in an official communique issued this evening. The Dail adjourned until Thursday, the statement added, when it will again sit privately.

**REPORTS OF NEGLIGENCE
OF VETERANS EXAGGERATED**

Washington, Aug. 28.—Reports of conditions at the Johnson City, Tennessee, sanatorium for disabled war veterans in

many instances have been "grossly exaggerated," Charles M. Pearall, inspector general for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, has reported to the board of managers under whose auspices the sanatorium is operated.
